

on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Sharon Vassiliades, ARTS, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, Washington, D.C. 20250-3649; fax 202 720-4628; e-mail svassili@fgisdc.usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 13, 1998.  
**James R. Baker,**  
*Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

#### Deposting of Stockyards

Notice is hereby given, that the livestock markets named herein,

originally posted on the dates specified below as being subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), no longer comes within the definition of a stockyard under the Act and are therefore, no longer subject to the provisions of the Act.

Facility No., name, and location of stockyard	Date of posting
IA-153 North Iowa Livestock Exchange, Ltd., Garner, Iowa .....	January 8, 1957.
IA-175 LeMars Auction Barn, LeMars, Iowa .....	May 29, 1959.
IA-212 Northside Sales Company, Sibley, Iowa .....	May 19, 1959.
NB-104 Arnold Sale Barn, Arnold, Nebraska .....	January 10, 1957.
NB-173 Livestock Exchange of Sargent, Sargent, Nebraska .....	November 14, 1958.
NB-182 The Nebraska Sandhills Cattle Auction, Inc., Thedford, Nebraska .....	February 8, 1950.
NB-191 Wisner Sales Co., Inc., Wisner, Nebraska .....	June 29, 1983.

This notice is in the nature of a change relieving a restriction and, thus, may be made effective in less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** without prior notice or other public procedure. This notice is given pursuant to section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 202) and is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Done at Washington, D.C., this 9th day of April 1998.

**Daniel L. Van Ackeren,**

*Director, Livestock Marketing Division, Packers and Stockyards Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by June 19, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sue Arnold, Financial Analyst, Office of the Assistant Administrator, Electric Program, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1560, Room 4024 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-1560. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 690-0717. E-mail: sarnold@rus.usda.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Electric Loan Application and Related Reporting Burdens.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0032.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a previously approved information collection, with change.

**Abstract:** The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), as amended (RE Act) authorizes and empowers the Administrator of RUS to make and guarantee loans to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas. These loans are amortized over a period of up to 35 years and secured by the borrower's electric assets. In the interest of protecting loan security, monitoring compliance with debt covenants, and ensuring that RUS loan funds are used for purposes authorized by law, RUS requires that borrowers prepare and submit for RUS evaluation, certain studies and reports. Some of these studies and reports are required only once for each loan application; others must be submitted periodically until the loan is completely repaid.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Small business or organizations.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 754.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 4.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 16,834.

Copies of this information collection, and related form and instructions, can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0812.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

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